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Single Sort Recycling Begins in April

(Lamoine) - Transfer Station users will concluded that the single-sort system have a much easier time unloading recycling that began the first weekend in April as the town starts a new chapter in its operations. After soliciting bids in January, the town has contracted with ecoMaine of Portland and DM&J Waste of Winterport for the next 4-years to collect recyclables, ending a nearly 25-year sorted recycling process that has become cumbersome to use.

For recyclers, it should be pretty simple, and a lot more material can be collected. The current list of cardboard, #2 plastic, newspaper, cans and mixed paper will be expanded to include #1-#7 plastics as well as glass. The best part is, it will all go in the same containers instead of the numerous different material containers at the transfer station.

Representatives of ecoMaine were on hand the first Saturday in April to help educate transfer station users on the new recycling method. The first 100 users to come through received a free recycling bin as part of the contract with the town.

Part of the training will be an emphasis on flattening out cardboard boxes before tossing them into the recycling container. The more compact the load, the better for everyone. Unflattened boxes end up taking up a lot of empty space, and that means the roll-off container has to be hauled frequently, at a cost of \$275 a trip.

The Selectmen chose ecoMaine from among four recycling proposals. It was the least expensive and most educational of the three non-sort recycling Resident Kenneth Smith programs. assisted with analysis of the proposals. The Conservation Commission also weighed in on the proposals, and all

Town to Decide School Budget in Mid-May

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine School Committee is starting to wrap its work on the 2018/19 education budget. finalized document is expected to go before the town's budget committee which will meet at the school on April 23, 2018. Copies will be posted on the town's website once the school committee finalizes the draft budget and releases it to the Budget Committee.

Once the Budget Committee comes up with a recommendation, the budget matter will go to the Board of Selectmen for a town meeting warrant approval. A special town meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the Lamoine School Gym.

The town meeting may approve different amounts than those recommended. The budget that comes out of the May 16th town meeting will back before a special town meeting ratification by a referendum ballot. That election takes place on June 12, 2018 during the state primary election.

seemed to offer the most benefit to the

The town will end its relationship with Coastal Recycling with the new The Hancock based entity contract. required sorted materials be kept together and could no longer accept glass, and never accepted anything other than #2 plastics. Because of the very low price being paid for recycled material, the operation was only able to accept Lamoine's recycling on a limited basis.

The new program will see DM&J collect the recycling container and haul it to Winterport where it'll be weighed and added to other communities' recycling and then shipped for sorting and marketing to ecoMaine in Portland.

While not recycling any material would be the least expensive option for the Conservation community, the Commission and Selectmen agreed the responsible option is to continue a program that expands recycling in the hopes that prices someday will increase.

Cooper, McFarland Re-Elected as Selectmen

(Lamoine) - Incumbent Selectmen Jo Cooper and Gary McFarland have another 3-years of bi-weekly meetings to attend to run the Town of Lamoine following brisk town meeting balloting on March 6, 2018. When the votes were counted, Cooper had garnered 256 votes, McFarland 189, and challenger Wynne Guglielmo 139.

A total of 319 voters cast ballots in the annual municipal election, a turnout of 21.6%, which is much higher than would be expected of an election with no real contentious issues on the ballot, other than a 3-way race for two seats on the Board of Selectmen.

In other balloting, Michael Brann who ran unopposed for the School Committee picked up 267 votes, and Brian Thomas was elected as a write-in candidate to the Board of Assessors, picking up 50votes.



Lamoine Ballot Clerks Kathleen DeFusco (left) & Marion McDevitt tally up the annual town municipal officers' election votes under the watchful eye of Moderator Harvey Kelley.

Court Finds Gravel Ordinance Valid

(Portland) - Maine's Business and The ruling addressed the alleged Consumer Court has ruled in favor of the Town in a lawsuit filed by several contracting companies looking to overturn a gravel ordinance passed by the town meeting in 2013. Harold MacQuinn, Inc., Doug Gott & Sons, and John W. Goodwin filed suit against the town, claiming an unconstitutional taking when the town increased the mining setback from 50-feet to 100-feet from abutting property lines.

In the decision, Justice Richard Mulhern wrote that the "Plaintiffs could not have reasonably expected that they would be able to extract gravel within the new setback margin throughout the life of the mine." Judge Mulhern went on to say that because the town regulates mining, it is "unreasonable to assume the setback requirement would never be increased".

unconstitutional takings issue as well. Judge Mulhern said it would be speculation to determine the value of the gravel put off limits by the new setback in the ordinance. He did agree that the ordinance change was similar to a "physical invasion" as opposed to a public program. He said the other factors in the case fail to make this an unconstitutional taking at either the state or federal level.

Town Attorney Daniel Pileggi has represented the town in the case in the nearly 5-years of litigation. The ruling was dated on February 13, 2018, one month short of the 5th anniversary of the ordinance approval. This was the last outstanding lawsuit involving the town before Maine's court system.

Planning Board to deny both a Gravel and Site Plan Review Permit to MacQuinn, Inc. to expand the existing

Kittridge Pit from the current 30+ acre

operation to potentially a 110 acre

concerns and the potential adverse

impact on surrounding properties by

town and MacOuinn, Inc. following an

application that was denied many

packed with lawyers. The town is

utilizing Dan Pileggi who represents

the Planning Board and Diane

O'Connell who is advising the Appeals

Board on procedure. MacQuinn, Inc.

continues to be represented by Bangor

attorney Ed Bearor, while the Friends of

Lamoine group has retained John Steed

of Blue Hill to represent them before the

An agreement between the

The hearing room has been

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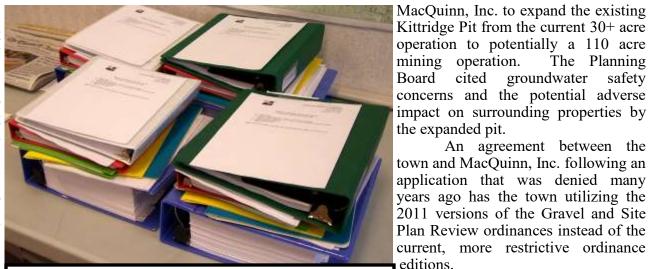
Gravel Pit Denial Appeal Under Way

(Lamoine) - The town's Appeals Board has done a lot of reading and listening in the past few weeks as Harold MacQuinn, Inc. has asked for a review of the Planning Board's decision to turn down a gravel mining expansion. The Appeals Board determined that the challenges to the decision were timely filed and agreed to hear the case on what's called a "de novo" basis—essentially a second presentation before the town.

The Appeals Board also granted standing to several including abutting parties property owners Cold Spring Water Company, the Tweedie Trust, and a citizens group

called Friends of Lamoine. All three parties of standing have submitted evidence to the Board of Appeals and made presentations at a two night hearing during the last week of March.

The matter is likely to take a few After the more months to decide.



The piles of submissions that awaited reading by members of the Lamoine Board of Appeals as they decide whether a gravel mining denial should be upheld.

presentations closed, the Appeals Board set May 8, 2018 for a site visit to the proposed gravel pit, with a question and answer session later that evening, and a tentative date of May 9, 2018 to deliberate and possibly decide the matter.

At issue is the decision by the

Condo Plan Revamped

(Lamoine) - A family corporation owned lot that was chopped up into lots and granted to corporations owned by separate family members ended up creating an unpermitted subdivision following review by the Board of Assessors, Planning Board Chair and Code Enforcement Officer. After seeking several legal opinions, town officials engaged attorney Diane O'Connell to work with Marlboro Associates to correctly lay out their property without having to subdivision approval.

The corporation officials who are siblings, agreed, and filed a new set of deeds which keeps the land as one lot, but sets aside the four existing buildings for each sibling member. Following the numerous Registry of Deeds filings to accomplish that, Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright issued a permit to raze one of the buildings and build another building that will dimensional setback requirements. As a result, the owners will move the entrance of Lupine Lane, which serves the buildings, to a different part of Marlboro Beach Road. A septic tank that services the current building will also be moved.

Pit Restoration Completed

(Lamoine) - Another gravel pit previously permitted by the town's Planning Board has successfully ceased operations. Doug Gott & Sons has adequately restored the so -called Little B&H pit on Douglas Highway in North Lamoine.

The company opted to discontinue operations at the pit which offered limited amounts of material and saw very little gravel excavated over the last decade. A certification that pressure treated wood was removed and a final slope inspection were the last pieces to fall into place, allowing the town to issue it's declaration of the pit closure.

Board of Appeals. Planning Board Approves Pit

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Planning Board granted a conditional permit to PCJ LLC (RF Jordan & Sons) to continue operation of a gravel pit on Douglas Highway, just south of the Lamoine Marketplace. The permit goes into effect on May 1, 2018 and runs for three years.

The Board placed several conditions on the permit. Jordan cannot refuel any vehicles or equipment over areas where there is less than a 5-foot dirt separation between the base of the pit and ground water. Part of the pit floor tested showed the depth to groundwater at less than the ordinance required 5-feet. The Planning Board will allow material moved as part of the restoration to be used to fill in the floor to reach the minimum separation distance.

The company cannot begin any excavation until such time as it has restored a part of the existing gravel mining operation.

The approved pit is one of the older ones in Lamoine. It was originally owned by the Zerrien family, and in the 1940s material was excavated from the land to help build the runways at the Hancock County Airport in Trenton.

Ordinance Work Continues

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Planning Board hopes to wrap up work in the next few months on proposed changes to three ordinances.

The Board will propose changes to part of the Building and Land Use Ordinance to address road frontage issues. A minor change to the Gravel Ordinance will deal with restoration matters.

The bulk of the work is on the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance in order to bring it into compliance with State of Maine mandated regulations. The town meeting will have to approve all changes.

Board Members Sought

(Lamoine) - Selectmen are seeking volunteers to serve on the Board of Appeals and Budget Committee following a resignation (see page 3). While the boards each currently have an alternate member, the Selectmen could potentially appoint more alternates to each panel.

Interested people should contact the town office. The Selectmen will meet with interested parties on April 19, 2018 at 7PM to discuss possibilities for serving.

Business As Usual First Quarter for **Permits**

(Lamoine) - The Code Enforcement Office can generally count on a slow period during the winter months when it comes to issuing building permits. Rebecca Albright issued the following construction permits during the first quarter of the year:

#	Name	Project
1	Gorman, Timber	Expansion
2	Washington, C.	Shoreland Trees
3	Pelletier, Thomas	Horse Barn
4	Newton, David	Deck Add'n
5	McDonald, Brian	Garage
6	Milanesio, Andre	Garage

In addition to the construction permits noted above, Albright issued six internal plumbing permits, and one permit for a new septic system.

The Code Enforcement Officer/ Plumbing Inspector is at the town office on Wednesdays. She will be out of the office on April 25, 2018. People needing code enforcement services are advised to inquire on April 18th or to wait until her return on May 2nd. Michael Jordan will fill in on plumbing inspector duties while Ms. Albright is out of town.

Annual Town Meeting was Swift Event

(Lamoine)
Turnout was fairly decent for Lamoine's Annual Town Meeting on March 7, 2018, despite the threat of a major storm that evening. Voters took very little time to approve all 25

articles on the warrant without any dissenting votes.

Little of controversy was on the warrant this year. The annual budget sailed through the voting, including funding for the fire department to complete purchase of a used ladder truck.



The \$98,100 item was included as part of the capital expenditures budget, and without borrowing money. The municipal debt service will include only the fire rescue boat purchased a few years ago, which will have one more year of payments after the 2018/19 budget year. The town meeting also authorized the fire

department to dispose of an 1,800 gallon tanker truck that was purchased in 1989.

Fire Chief George "Skip" Smith believes there is a local department that will purchase the 29-year old truck which the department purchased new for about \$90,000. The truck will be sold when the new ladder truck arrives in the fall.

Even the annual budget item to fund social service agencies passed quickly, despite a couple of agencies who did not

submit their requests on time to make it onto the warrant. The expenditure budget was up less than 1-percent.

Moderator Harvey Kelley had taken care of all the articles before 8:00 PM, and the heavy snow did not start until well after everyone had departed.

Printed Town Report Omitted Sections

(Lamoine) - Editing the annual town report may just be one of the biggest challenges for the town office staff and the Board of Selectmen. The 2017 report sent to the printers omitted a few board reports that were submitted, but failed to get pasted into the printed version. Planning Board Chair John Holt who dutifully prepared the Planning Board's report early on in the compilation process called to ask where it ended up. When Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon looked, that was missing as well as the town clerk's report

and the Conservation Commission report. None of the several sets of eyes who reviewed the report noticed the missing sections.

The on-line version has been corrected to include all three reports and the town office staff printed off the three reports to stick into the printed reports separately.

Errors on the term expiration for the Board of Assessors and a phone number for one of the Selectmen were also corrected in the only-line version.

Fantastic Response to Single Sort Program

(Lamoine) - The educators from ecoMaine say they very impressed by the town's residents as they handed out free recycling bins to the first 100 customers on April 7th. The bins ran out in less than 3-Lissa hours. Bitterman of ecoMaine said the interest Lamoine was perhaps the best

The new single-sort recycling collection hin is dropped off at the

The new single-sort recycling collection bin is dropped off at the transfer station on April 6th as the town moves into a new era for recycling its waste.

ever, surpassing much larger cities where the organization has helped kick off zero sort recycling.

Bitterman and Katrina Venhuizen helped educated residents, stressing the need to compact plastic containers and cardboard as much as possible so it would all fit in the roll-off collection bin. They also emphasized that bags used to tote recyclable materials should not be tossed into the bin, as it interferes with the sorting process.

The 22-gallon bins were supplied by ecoMaine, but are only for convenience. Users can bring recycling in any container they choose and dump the material into the big bin. The Selectmen will explore possibly obtaining more of the smaller containers.

EcoMaine educators Katrina Venhuizen braved a wet, heavy snow and cold temperatures to help educate Lamoine recyclers about the new expanded, single-sort system at the transfer station on April 7, 2018. The snow finally stopped and the sun came out later in the day. Both said they were greatly impressed at the town's positive reaction to the new program. The town filled up the new roll-off bin in the first week.



New Selectboard Chair Selected

(Lamoine) - For the first time in nearly 15 years someone other than Jo Cooper and Gary McFarland is serving as the chair of the Board of Selectmen. Nathan Mason will run the meetings for the next year. Mason's fellow Selectmen picked him to succeed Cooper (on her nomination), and McFarland will act as the vice-chair if Mason is absent.

Selectman Cooper said she would like to see the chairmanship rotate around after having held the post for several years. Discussion about how to select a chair saw all members willing to serve in the post, and a possible drawing of lots to pick the chair. In the end, the Board opted to retain the nomination and voting process.

Resignations & Appointment

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen accepted, with regret, resignations from the Recreation Committee, the Board of Appeals and the Budget Committee in February. Elizabeth Stanley said time conflicts prevented her from serving further on the Rec Committee—she was one of the original members of the panel.

Cece Ohmart has stepped down after many years of service to both the Board of Appeals and the Budget Committee. Ohmart, who continues to serve as the town's health officer, said a change in her work schedule at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital made attending evening meetings extremely difficult.

The Selectmen appointed newly elected assessor Brian Thomas to serve out the remainder of the term of the vacancy created in 2017 when Michael Jordan resigned from the board. The Elections ordinance approved many years ago by voters set the Assessors' terms to run beginning on July 1st instead of immediately following the town meeting. There were no provisions for appointing an assessor if a vacancy is created.

With no state law preventing appointment, the Selectmen opted to give Mr. Thomas a running start on the post by appointing him to serve in the three and a half months of vacancy prior to July 1, 2018.

Several Town Notables Lost

(Lamoine) - Four gentlemen who went a long way making Lamoine a better place died in the first part of the year.

Former Lamoine School principal David Phaneuf passed away at the age of 82 on January 20th. Mr. Phaneuf retired from the school in the 1990s, but returned when he could as a notable guest at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner. He was well liked by his colleagues, students and parents, and besides serving as principal, you could often find him teaching and even driving the school bus.

One of Lamoine's larger than life characters was Sylvanus "Junior" Tracy. The World War II Veteran was 92 years old when he passed way on February 3rd. Junior was one of the members of Lamoine's famous town baseball team in the 40's and 50's, and wrote an extensive book recounting the team's performance game by game late in life.

Another of Lamoine's characters was Jim Hunnewell. A military veteran, Jim was a wizard with small engines and served for decades as a captain with Lamoine's fire department. He was also an avid record collector, swapping albums of all genres out of his garage on Lamoine Beach Road. He was 84 years old when he passed away on March 2nd.

David Sanderson suddenly passed away on April 3rd at the age of 76. A teacher and scholar, Sanderson facilitated countless meetings in town, and volunteered for various board, including the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. He was an enthusiastic member of Lamoine Community Arts, performing in a lot of roles on the Lamoine / Bayside Grange stage over the past few years. He and his wife Diane raised 4-children in Lamoine and were extraordinary volunteers.

Electronic Waste Collection June 2nd

(Lamoine) - After taking a year off, the town's Conservation Commission will once again sponsor an Electronics Waste Collection Day at the Salt/Sand shed next to the transfer station. Electronics End of Brewer will set up the collection beginning at 9:00 AM on June 2, 2018. There is no charge to dispose of unwanted electronics gear that cannot be disposed of at the transfer station.

The first time the town sponsored the electronics collection in 2015 saw an extremely busy day, loading up 4-pallets of out of date televisions, old computers, printers and other electronics gear. The event in 2016 also saw pretty good participation, but collections fell off a bit. The Conservation Commission will pay \$100 to bring the Brewer based company to Lamoine.

Comprehensive Plan Inches Closer to Vote

By Fred Stocking

In March the Lamoine Comprehensive Plan Committee approved revised Goals, Policies and Strategies for inclusion in the Lamoine Comprehensive Plan. These Goals, etc., along with draft chapters for the twelve required subject areas, were sent to the Committee's consultant, Rick Taintor, who will begin to turn them into a plan document.

In November, 2017, we took an earlier draft of the Goals, etc. to a town Open House at the School and later posted them on an online survey. We spent several months compiling and reviewing

Town Hall Water Filter Replaced

(Lamoine) - The town hall doesn't use a lot of water—there's just a bathroom sink and toilet and an outside water spigot. Back in 1993, the Selectmen installed an automatic water filter system. That ran well for about 24 years, and last year staff began to notice that the water was extremely discolored and was staining the porcelain fixtures.

Selectmen accepted an estimate from Norlen's Water to replace the old system with an up-to-date filter system, and it's working very well.

The installing plumbers found that the water lines around the filter were extremely clogged with iron and sediment, greatly reducing water flow into the faucets. With the pipes cleaned out and the water being filtered, things have cleared up and the water pressure is back where it ought to be for a household system. The next system cost the budget just under \$2,000.

all of the feedback received, and made many of the modifications suggested by that feedback.

We look forward to moving the project towards completion in the next few months. There is still much to be done in providing documentation, pictures, maps and the other elements of a good comprehensive plan, as well as updating older drafts and filling in gaps that Rick Taintor will discover. Nonetheless, we have moved past an important milepost in the project and begin to glimpse the finish line in the distance.

Selectmen Adopt Harassment Policy

(Lamoine) - After numerous high profile accusations of sexual harassment started coming to light across the nation, the town's Board of Selectmen reviewed the policy put in place in the early 1990s. Like many other organizations, that policy was badly outdated and required a major overhaul, which has been done.

The new harassment policy covers more than just sexual harassment. It is based on a template from Maine Municipal Association and applies to all employees, board members, and volunteers that fall under the umbrella of the town.

Little by little the policy is being distributed at the board level. Each appointee and elected official in the town is being asked to receive a written policy and sign a receipt acknowledging delivery.

The policy outlines an internal reporting process, and allows affected personnel to complain directly to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Town Agrees to Keep Home in Family

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectman has reached an agreement with a Buttermilk Road man on an agreement to sell him back the home that he grew up in. A tax lien filed in 2016 automatically foreclosed to the town in late January. The lien was filed in the man's mother's name. She passed away before the tax lien was settled and did not leave a will. The property tax bills were sent to her estate for the next two years, and were not paid, either.

The son has agreed to send a biweekly payment to cover all the back taxes, fees and interest by April 1, 2019, as well as the estimated taxes for the next fiscal year. Upon receipt of the full payment, the Board of Selectmen will issue a quitclaim deed to the property back to the heirs of the mother. He has been living in the home for a couple of years following her passing.

The move was seen as a way to keep the property in the family and eventually move back to the tax rolls. Town attorney Daniel Pileggi assisted the town with drafting the installment agreement signed in late March.

Solar Array at Landfill to be Studied

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen hopes to follow up on a citizen inquiry regarding solar energy. Several Maine communities have placed or plan to install solar arrays on municipally owned property, and sell the electricity generated into the power grid. The potential payback for such installations is possibly subsidized, and the payback for such installations is favorable.

The town has made in inquiry with a Waldo County based company that has completed similar projects in the state. One of the ideas is the install an array on top of the capped landfill, which has been done in other communities.

The idea is in its infancy, and nothing concrete has been proposed. Stay tuned.

September is "Hailey Hugs" Month

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen has signed a resolve designating September as Maine Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The designation was requested by an organization called Team Hailey Hugs which is based in Bethel and made similar requests to all Maine towns. The resolution is intended to pay tribute to families, friends, professionals and communities who lend strength to children fighting pediatric cancer.

While there are no specific events planned in Lamoine, a number of efforts for a Lamoine School Student named Kilee are under way as she battles lymphoma.

Selectmen Name Lamoine VFD "Citizen of the Year"



Board of Selectmen Chair Jo Cooper (right), reads the proclamation naming the Lamoine VFD the Citizen of the year at the annual town meeting. On hand to receive the honor (from left) Brett Jones, Hayden Sattler, Stu Marckoon, Ed Farnsworth, Carleton Brodie, Cynthia Andrews, Joe Reynolds, Doug Jones, Joe Reynolds, Chief Skip Smith, Michael Jordan and Robert Cooper

(Lamoine) - The record pace of calls, many of them quite serious in nature, prompted the Board of Selectmen to honor the town's volunteer fire department as the 2017 Citizen of the Year. A dozen members of the LVFD were present at the annual town meeting, most of them unaware that they would receive the honor.

During 2017, the LVFD responded to 94 calls, the most in the departments 60year history. Every call brought a response from the department, many of the

calls were in neighboring communities as part of the automatic and Hancock County mutual aid agreements. In a bit of irony, the department responded to a chimney fire about 2-hours after the town meeting had adjourned.

Ladder Truck Update

(Lamoine) - With funding in place to complete the purchase of a ladder truck, it's now a waiting game for the new truck to become available and arrive in town. Fire Chief George "Skip" Smith says the department expects the truck to arrive from just outside Vancouver British Columbia sometime in September. The department is making plans for equipping the new vehicle, and the paint job on the 1997 truck will have be updated to reflect Lamoine instead of the BC town that it currently serves. And, in case any scanner buffs are wondering, the radio identifier for the truck will be Ladder 404.

Hectic Call Pace Slows for LVFD

(Lamoine) - The fire pagers for the Lamoine Volunteer Department went off 14 times in the first three months of the year, putting the firefighters back on a more normal pace of calls.

Half of the calls were for mutual aid to the City of Ellsworth.

The most serious call came for an explosion on Christian Ridge Road that resulted in one injury. The cause of that fire remains under investigation.

Twice, department the fire responded to alarms at the Lamoine Baptist Church which were a result of work being conducted by the church's security company. Another carbon monoxide alarm off Buttermilk Road found no apparent reason for it to go off.

The most serious in-town call came on March 7th as the chimney at the manager's home at Lamoine State Park caught fire. Flames were shooting from the top of the chimney just as a major snowstorm hit, hours after the annual town meeting had adjourned. Firefighters

Insurance Rate Adjusted

(Lamoine) - The town's ISO rating for fire insurance is proposed to change in the next The Insurance Service Office notified the municipality that the current 6 rating will change to a 9-A.

Fire department officials have contacted the company that determined the new rating for some sort of explanation, and did not receive an easily understood reply. It's believed the downgrade has to do with the lack of pressurized fire hydrants in town.

Lamoine had demonstrated in the 1990's that it could maintain a 250-gallons per minute water flow utilizing its mutual aid partners shuttling water from dry hydrants. It's not clear why that demonstration was not taken into account

(Lamoine) - The Maine Department of Transportation will lend its portable speed monitoring sign to Lamoine this summer. This will be the third time the trailer mounted sign will be placed around town. The trailer will arrive the

Speed Sign Coming



last week of July and be on display on various road sections until the end of the first week in August.) Suggestions on where to place the sign are most welcome.

working on the roof used a chain to break up the creosote the clung to the flue liner, while a crew in the basement waited for things to cool off before cleaning out the ashes and extinguishing them outdoors.

Despite the number of major storms, the fire department surprisingly quiet. A storm on January 23rd produced heavy rain and an early morning flooded basement call on Birchlawn Drive. The department used two sump pumps to evacuate water from the cellar. Maine DOT posted signs on Pinkhams Flats because Archer's Brook flooded again (see picture above). Part of Jordan River Road experienced a washout during that storm as well. Blizzards in March resulted in no fire department calls.

Wildfire Coverall **Grant Approved**

(Lamoine) - The Maine Forest Service has approved a matching grant of up to \$1,080 to equip the town's volunteer firefighters with new fire retardant coveralls for use during wildfires. The department is currently measuring firefighters for sizes before placing the order.

The new coveralls cost about \$120.00 each. The department will cover 50% of the cost with the Forest Service that 50%. The new firefighting gear will be used instead of the heavy turnout gear for outside brush, grass and woods fires, as it will offer excellent protection while not subjecting firefighters to extreme heat. The new coveralls will be ordered in May.

Norris, Towne Win Conservation Award

(Lamoine) - Two of the key players in the town's purchase of Marlboro Beach won accolades from the Conservation

Commission at the annual town meeting. Jim Norris and Terry Towne share the 2017 Conservation Award. Mr. Norris coordinated with his brothers to sell, at a significant



Jim Norris (left) and Terry Towne accept the 2017 Conservation Award at the annual town meeting.

discount, the remainder of Marlboro Beach to the municipality. Mr. Towne, who is also one of Lamoine's tax assessors, coordinated with Mr. Norris and Frenchman Bay Conservancy to arrange for fund raising and the legal work to finalize the deal. The town voted in 2017 to accept the offer from the Norris family.

Take A Hike on Simon Trail

(Lamoine) - A public access woods trail that has become quite a popular easy hiking spot will be part of a series of hikes promoted by the Frenchman Bay Conservancy. The hike on Simon Trail will take place on June 9th. Three naturalists will lead the event beginning a 9:30 AM. They'll help identify mosses, lichens and birds.

The trail is located on Partridge Cove Road, and there is a small parking area that can accommodate several vehicles.

Marlboro Beach Celebration Planned

(Lamoine) - Frenchman Bay Conservancy plans a celebration of the purchase of Marlboro Beach on June 23, 2018. As noted above and in previous editions, the town completed purchase of Marlboro Beach in late December 2017, protecting access by recreational users and commercial fishermen.

The celebration will begin at 2:00 at the beach. Food and entertainment are planned, and there will be a clamming demonstration. More information will be posted on the town's website.

Bob-o-Links Among Us in Lamoine

By Diane Nicholls

(Lamoine) - So what's a bobolink you ask? Drive along Rt. 204 & Mud Creek Road in Lamoine this spring and look out over the fields and you may be lucky enough to see one perched on a stalk of grass, swaying gently in the breeze. That's right...birds. Bobolinks travel over 12,000 miles roundtrip from their wintering grounds in South America to reside in tall grasses, hayfields and meadows across the northern United States, and yes, here in our very own community! Lucky for us because bobolinks have been in steady decline since the 1960's. The bobolink made its first appearance on the State of the Birds 2014 Watch List as a species that is in urgent need of conservation.

Bobolinks need large fields, 10 acres or greater to successfully raise their young. Because nests are built on the ground, the eggs and or fledglings are easy

prey for predators. Unfortunately, today's standard field mowing practices, early June first cutting and late July second cutting, results in lost generations of bobolinks.

The Agricultural Allies Program works with interested Maine farmers, providing grassland management practices and incentive funding for participants who modify their mowing schedules, so that grassland nesting birds can successfully raise their young. For additional information on how you can participate, contact Laura Lecker, laura.lecker@me.nacdnet.net, But we all can help, it's not only farmers. Didn't Lamoiners who are fortunate enough to own and be stewards of grasslands that are not for forage production, leaving your grass standing after August 1st, is the single biggest and best thing that you can do to provide habitat.

It's Time to Compost—Bin Offer

By Doug Stewart

(Lamoine) - On April 6, the Town of Lamoine installed a "single sort" system to improve collection of bottles, plastics, cans, paper and cardboard. A next step to further reduce trash and the related disposal expense would be for town residents to compost their organic waste along with leaves and grass clippings from yard work.

The Maine DEP has designed a simple compost bin made of lobster trap wire. It is currently being used throughout

the state with great success. It is light weight, easy to set up, adjustable, moveable and inexpensive. It is available in 3 and 4 foot heights with or without a cover. Prices delivered for pickup in Lamoine on June 2 run from \$42.17 to \$87.81.

Several members of the Lamoine Conservation Commission have been using them for the past 2 years and have found them to be very efficient and more user friendly than most other styles. For more information, you may call Doug Stewart at 667-5607

Town Applies for Cable Extension Grant

(Lamoine) - At times it seems like living in the Partridge Cove Subdivision in Lamoine cuts people off from the modern world, as the cable TV lines do not extend from Mud Creek Road into the subdivision. With luck, that might change. The town has applied to ConnectME for a grant to work with Charter Communications to extend their lines into the neighborhood which is located a significant distance from the main road.

Mike Edgecomb of the James W. Sewall Company prepared the grant application after surveying the community for unserved areas. He came up with several locations that might qualify for a grant. Knowing the financial limits of grants, town officials chose the location because of the limited availability of high speed internet service. Other locations identified for potential future grant applications are the end of Seal Point as well as North Road.

Edgecomb's study found that the Wolf Subdivision off Shore Road should qualify for CTV wiring because of the house density. The town may work jointly with the Town of Hancock to try to wire up the Eagle Point Subdivision with cable wiring in the future. That subdivision does have access to telephone company DSL service.

To Watch TV, You'll Need a Box

(Lamoine) - Cable TV subscribers will likely get notice from Spectrum (the cable company) that the Lamoine system is going 100% digital in the coming months. That will mean a conversion box is likely needed for most televisions.

Spectrum Governor Affairs director Shelley Winchenbach says the conversion will take place in late summer. She says that programming will be delivered in an encrypted form, and that televisions without the proper equipment from Spectrum will be unable to display the TV service. Questions should be directed to Spectrum.

Lamoine School Channel Almost Ready

(Lamoine) - The equipment is in place for the Lamoine Consolidated School to televise live events from the school gym on Cable TV. It's a matter of town supplied equipment being compatible with the Spectrum equipment.

In February 2017 the town installed cameras and related equipment in the gym and a technology room behind the Principal's office. Spectrum finally installed its' equipment in March of 2018. Testing was still under way at publishing time to try to provide a good signals from the town's equipment to the new digital CTV format. It's hoped to begin programming by May 1st.

Lamoine's First Municipal Service

From Lamoine 150!

By Gary McFarland & Gordon Donaldson

(Lamoine) - Back in 1870 when Lamoine formed as a town, Lamoiners probably had many ideas to make our community the kind of place they wanted it to be. Did they vote to build a new Town Hall? Purchase a new bell for one of the schoolhouses? Lay pipes for municipal water? Set aside funds for a Civil War Memorial?

Nope. We bought a hearse! Our second Town Meeting took place March 6, 1871 "at the workshop of H. S. Bartlett in District No. 4 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon". (H.S. Bartlett lived at the intersection of Rte 204 and the Walker We can imagine the citizens standing around the workshop debating whether a hearse was necessary. Apparently it was –and more necessary than any other proposals, as it was the only major purchase the town voted for.

Town Clerk J. E. Young's minutes of the Meeting read, "Article 20. Voted to buy a Hearse for the use of the town and voted to raise \$400 to purchase hearse and build a house for the same. Chose Isaiah Young an Agent to buy said hearse and build the house. Voted to locate the Hearse



house on the New Meeting house lot." We're not sure where that was, but here's a picture of what that hearse might have looked like.

We're guessing that, when East Trenton split from Trenton to become Lamoine, citizens of the new town lost access to the "town hearse" and that's what led to this decision. The following year at Town Meeting, the town ensured that the hearse would be available throughout town. They supported Article 21 and "voted that the Sextons of each Meeting house be agents to take charge of the hearse on funeral occasions and receive two dollars per day for services rendered." You might say, this was one of our town's first true municipal services!

Please visit us on Facebook at **Lamoine150** to learn about plans for a 150th birthday celebration in 2019 and 2020. (Your Lamoine 150 Committee)

Lamoine Community Arts Happenings

By Carol Duffy

(Lamoine) - Lamoine Community Arts has been enjoying a busy winter season, due mostly to the completion of the insulation project at the Grange that has allowed us to use the building year round. A community Sing-A-Long to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Day, a staged reading of "A Bench in the Sun" by Ron Clark, performed by Fred Stocking, Sharon St. Claire and Tom St. Claire and directed by Anne Stocking, and an Open Mic Night, coordinated by Wynne Guglielmo were all well supported by friends from near and far. We held our traditional monthly readings in members' homes, reading Lynn Nottage's "Sweat" at Carol Duffy's home in January, and Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart" at the home of Steve and Andrea Gabel-Richards in February. At this writing, our third and final reading of the season is planned at the home of Ron and Kathy McGlinchey on March 24, when we will be reading "This Random World" by Stephen Dietz.

Spring looks to be a busy time for LCA as well! In April we will be holding auditions for our Spring Reading. Keep an eye on our Facebook page 'Lamoine Community Arts" and the signboard in front of the Grange for additional information. Auditions are open to all, please join us! We will also begin

preparations for one of our major fundraisers, a yard sale to be held at the Lamoine-Bayside Grange on June 9-10. Please consider supporting our efforts by contributing plants or yard sale items, which can be dropped off at the Grange on Thursday, June 1 from 5:00-7:00 or Saturday, June 2 from 10:00-2:00. Please understand that we do not accept clothing, exercise equipment, TVs, computers monitors, printers or electronic equipment. We appreciate your support for this important fundraiser that benefits our Grange Renovation Fund.

And speaking of Grange renovation...we are grateful to Bar Harbor Bank and Trust and Machias Savings Bank, who have made donations or are committed to donating to the fund. Thanks to these and other generous gifts from the community, we will be proceeding with additional upgrades to the exterior of the building in the spring.

Lamoine Community Arts provides Summer Arts Scholarships to area students. Applicants must live in Lamoine or attend Lamoine Consolidated School and demonstrate financial need. We are fully committed to supporting our local students in pursuit of opportunities in the arts! Application can be obtained at LCS or from area high schools' guidance offices.

Returnables Assigned for Rest of Year

(Lamoine) - The town's very popular program where proceeds from returnables are sent to local non-profit groups is scheduled for the rest of the year. Benefitting are:

- Girls Scout Troop 796 (April)
- ♦ Lamoine School Sports (May)
- Lamoine 8th Grade (June)
- School Special Projects (July)
- Lamoine School Music (August)
- East Lamoine Cemetery (September)
- Lamoine Historical Society (October)
- Frenchman Bay Riders (November)
- Lamoine/Bayside Grange (December)

School News

By Dawn McPhail, Principal (Lamoine) - **Jazz Band** - Congratulations to our jazz band on a fine performance at the District Jazz Festival on Wednesday, March 7th where they earned a score of a II. This excellent score qualifies them to attend the State Jazz Festival in

Millinocket on March 24th! Outstanding musicianship certificates were awarded to soloists Gabby Giblin, Paige Johnson, Betta Cahn, Cayla Swanberg, Matthew Jones, and Olivia Davis.

Baseball/Softball - We are pleased to announce that we have enough students to form our own Lamoine softball team this year. Nate Mason will be coaching the team. Our boys will once again join Hancock to form a combined team.

Skills USA

Skills USA is a competition in which high school students attending a technical school can showcase their skills and perhaps advance to compete nationally in their field of study. This year a number of new competitions were opened up to middle school students. Twelve middle school students from LCS chose to take on the challenge! They spent lunch and recess time, as well as February vacation to work on their projects and competed against other middle school students on March 2nd. Below is a list of the competitions they participated in and those who received a medal for their

CO2 Dragster - Gabby Giblin (silver), Gavin McPhail, Bayley Baldridge; Woodworking Display - Charlie Dalton (Gold); Job Interview - Haliegh Young (Bronze), Olivia Davis (Silver), Betta Cahn (Gold), Aiden Young; State T-shirt Contest - Cayla Swanberg (Gold)

Promotional Bulletin Board Team -Emily Veith, Paige Johnson, Violet Davis (Gold for all)

Dr. Seuss Family Fun Night

Our second Family Fun Night with a Dr. Seuss theme was a huge success and included a short production from our drama club. 58 families attended and turned in surveys that were overwhelmingly positive.

College Scholarships Available

(Lamoine) - College students from Lamoine are encouraged to apply for the Allen and Hodgkins Leurene Scholarship. Applications are available on the town's website by clicking on the appropriate line on the "Bulletin Board".

The scholarships were established many years ago by the estate of Dr. & Mrs. Hodgkins. He was a long time Selectman, she was the town treasurer for a period of time.

More than \$20,000 in total is available this year. Several students received more than \$2,000 in college scholarships in 2017.

The deadline for applications is June 1, 2018. A subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen will meet at 6PM on June 7, 2018 in executive session to make the scholarship awards. scholarship fund is administered by the Maine Community Foundation.

April 2018 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2—Planning Board 6:30 PM	3	4	5-6:30 Rec Committee 7:00 Selectmen	6	7-Town Office Open 8-12 Single Sort Starts
8	9	10-6:30 PM School Committee	11-3:30 Lamoine 150! 7PM Conservation Commission	12	13	14—10 AM Parks Commission
15	16-Town Office Closed	17	18—8AM Assessors 6PM Shellfish Conservation	19-7:00 Selectmen	20	21
22	23-6:30 PM Budget Committee	24	25	26—6:30 Comprehensive Planning	27	28-Town Office Open 8-12
29	30					

May 2018 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 –Assessors, Time TBA	3-7:00 Selectmen	4-Transfer Station Summer Hours Start	5-Town Office Open 8-12
6	7-7:00 Planning Board	8-6:30 PM Appeals Board 6:30 School Cmte	9-3:30 Lamoine 150! 6:30 PM Appeals Board	10—7PM Conservation Cmsn.	11	12
13	14	15	16-6:3 Special Town Meeting (School)	17-7:00 Selectmen	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26-Town Office Open 8-12
27	28-Town Office Closed	29	30	31		

June 2018 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	wea	Inu	FT	Sat
					1 –Hodgkins Scholarship Deadline	2-Town Office Open 8-12
3	4-7:00 Planning Board	5	6-Assessors, Time TBA	7-6:00 Scholarship Cmte 7:00 Selectmen	8	9
10	11	12-8am to 8pm Primary Election Day 6:30 School Cmte	13-3:30 Lamoine 150 7PM Conservation Commission	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21-7:00 Selectmen	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30-Town Office Open 8-12 Fiscal Year Ends

And Much, Much More

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